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Security Message: Report of Alleged Planning of Possible Terrorist Incident in Kunming, Yunnan Province

The United States Embassy in Beijing is aware of media reports alleging that terrorists may be planning to launch an attack in Kunming, Yunnan Province over the Lunar New Year period. The Embassy has not been able to verify the accuracy of this report.

As noted in the current Country Specific Information Sheet for China, violent attacks in 2014, including acts of terrorism, resulted in several dozen injuries and deaths in public spaces throughout China, including in train stations and markets. Although neither U.S. citizens specifically nor foreigners generally were targeted in these attacks, such incidents pose a random threat to foreigners. As always, the Embassy urges U.S. citizens to pay attention to their surroundings when traveling in China and report any concerns to the local police.

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The U.S. Embassy in Beijing can be reached 24 hours per day at 86-10-8531-4000. The addresses and telephone contact information for the U.S. Embassy and Consulates in China are at the bottom of this announcement.

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